

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 20-43 have been added. Accordingly, claims 20-43 are pending in this application. No new matter has been added by the addition of claims 20-43.

As this Preliminary Amendment has been filed prior the mailing of any Action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Preliminary Amendment and timely examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,


Colin D. Barnitz
Registration No. 35,061

MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C.
1800 Diagonal Rd., Suite 370
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
(703) 684-1120
Date: October 5, 2005